

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
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NEWS RELEASE**



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NORTON SOUND COMMERCIAL KING CRAB FISHING TIME EXTENDED

Because of sudden adverse marine conditions, the commercial open access and CDQ king crab fishery in Norton Sound originally scheduled to close at 6:00 PM Friday, September 13 will now have fishing time extended to 6:00 PM Saturday, September 14. All pot gear must have doors open and bait containers removed by 6:00 PM Saturday, September 14. All crab must be delivered by 6:00 PM Sunday, September 15 and all crab gear used in the commercial fishery must be out of the water by Saturday, September 21. Weather is expected to lay down by Saturday morning.

Commercial crabbers are reminded that they may only keep tagged crab in their catch if they are legal in size. If you find a sublegal, tagged crab, record the tag number and location and bring the information to the ADF&G office to obtain a tag reward cup or hat. To receive a reward for a legal crab the crab must be brought to the ADF&G sampler at the seafood plant or ADF&G personnel in the office for measurement and examination.

For further information please contact the Nome office at 907-443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271 or the Unalakleet office at 907-624-3921.

Good Luck, Good Crabbing and Be Safe.

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